दर में उतार-चढ़ावों के कारण बचतें और परियोजना से जुड़े विशेष मामले इस स्थिति के प्रमुख कारणों में से हैं । उपयोग में विलम्ब से बचने के लिए किए गए उपायों में राज्यों को अग्रिम का अतिरिक्त केन्द्रीय सहायता के तंत्र के माध्यम से पूरक निधियों को सुदृढ़ बनाना, राज्यों को अतिरिक्त केन्द्रीय सहायता के रूप में सभी क्षेत्रों में प्राप्त सहायता के बत प्रतिशत को स्वीकृत करने का निर्णय लेना वसूली की प्रक्रियाओं को सरल बनाना परियोजनाओं का तीव्र गति से मानीटर करना और जहां कहीं आवश्यक हो परियोजनाओं को रद्द करना और उनकी पुनर्संरचना करना शामिल हैं ।

RISE IN PRICE INDEX

*280. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage rise in the wholesale price index at the end of November, 1993 as compared to the rise in the price index at the end of March, 1993 and what is the existing inflation rate as compared to the corresponding period during the year 1992; and

(b) what are the main factors attributable for the continuous rising trend in the price index and the inflation rate stating the measures taken by Government to contain it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) The percentage rise in the wholesale price index at the end of November, 1993 was 7.6 per cent (provisional) over end of March, 1993. The annual inflation rate for the week ended 27th November, 1993 was 8.5 per cent over corresponding week of 1992.

(b) Sharp rise in the price of primary commodities between August and November is the main reason for the rise in inflation. An important factor underlying the rate of inflation is the fiscal deficit which has widened in the current year.

An other factor contributing to the pressure on prices is the sharp increases in minimum support prices for rice, wheat and sugarcane. There has also been speculative increase in edible oils and rice in August due to prolonged dry spell besides the production shortfall and consequent unprecedented increase in the price of onion and potatoes due to excessive rain. The truckers strike twice in the year also caused disruption in movement of essential goods and industrial raw materials. The Government remains concerned about the uptrend in prices and will take whatever corrective measures are necessary. Steps taken in the current year to moderate the price rise include increased allocations for the PDS, open market sale of wheat by FCI to curb speculative increase in prices, higher releases of sugar for the open market, import of one lakh tonnes of edible oils and reducing stock limits for edible oil during the festival season.

TELEPHONES IN VILLAGE PANCHAYATS IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH

2477. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) how many telephones have been provided in the village Panchayats of Arunachal Pradesh during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) the number of village Panchayats yet to be provided with telephones; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to provide telephones to the remaining village Panchayats of the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) 48 and 78 respectively.

(b) 765, as on 30-11-1993.